

CITY OF JOHNS CREEK
WORK SESSION SUMMARY
February 14, 2011, 5:00pm

The City of Johns Creek Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 5:00pm. The Work Session was held in the Taylor Farms Conference Room at City Hall, located at 12000 Findley Road, Suite 300 in Johns Creek, Georgia 30097. In attendance were Council Members D. McCabe, B. Miller, I. Figueroa, K. Richardson, K. Stewart and Mayor M. Bodker. Council Member R. Johnson was absent. City Manager J. Kachmar, Attorney B. Riley and other Department Heads were present.

Court Clerk Tony Day reported on the **IGA with the City of Pelham**. This IGA would replace the one currently in place with Irwin County to house inmates, but at a lower cost, resulting in savings for the city. Following a final review by legal, there were no objections to adding this item to the February 28th, Council Meeting Agenda for consideration.

Solid Waste Manager James Swope **reviewed the solid waste grant application**. Mr. Swope informed Council that Coca Cola invited the City to apply for this grant, which is expected to award \$1.4M statewide to promote residential recycling. He explained no matching funds are required; the only requirement is to report on the program implemented with the funds. Mr. Swope proposed to apply for \$50K and provided an outline of how the funds would be dispersed. The deadline to submit the application is February 28th. It was suggested grant funds could supplement funds allocated by the city for recycling outreach and other solid waste programs funded this fiscal year. Council had no objections to staff moving forward with the grant application.

Transportation Engineer Cindy Jenkins reviewed the **PFA Revisions for Bell Road and Boles Road Intersection Improvements**, saying a supplemental agreement is required, as the Federal earmark funds allocated in 2007 through Fulton County to cover the engineering cost for the project, \$120k is no longer adequate, and staff is requesting an increase to \$212K, in addition to a \$60K GDOT oversight fee. Mrs. Jenkins said the GDOT oversight fee is a new fee charged by GDOT to oversee a third party project—the city's responsibility is \$12K. Council expressed some concern with the new oversight fee and Mayor Bodker mentioned he reached out to the GDOT Board for clarification on this new fee and the City Manager contacted GMA, which also expressed concern about this additional charge. Council suggested moving the item to the February 28th Council Meeting pending additional feedback from the GDOT Board on the validity of the additional fee.

Finance Director Monte Vavra reviewed the **Capital Improvement Contingency Budget**, as discussed during the January 31, Work Session. He reviewed a resolution to move \$395.5K from the Contingency Fund to the Shakerag Capital Project Fund and provided a summary of how the funds would be dispersed for park improvements. There were no objections to moving the item to tonight's Council Meeting for consideration. Council Member McCabe asked about providing storage capabilities as the improved field may be utilized more, City Manager Kachmar said those needs could be accommodated and also, as requested by Council, a plan and cost analysis for implementing a walking trail in the park will be presented during the mid-year budget review.

Finance Director Vavra reviewed **General Fund Contingency Transfer** and a **Budget Amendment for ChatComm**. He informed Council the FY 2011 budget allocated \$350k in contingency funds for ChatComm, half of which has already been transferred to support general operating costs. He is recommending transferring \$87.5K to the E911 funds as the authority needs working capital due to shortfalls in projected revenues. City Manager Kachmar added, the decreased revenue projections are due to elimination of telephone land

lines, low cell phone collection fee of \$1.50, which has also not been increased in over 30 years, although inflation has raised operating costs. City Manager also reported he is continuing discussions to secure partnerships with other municipalities who would benefit from this service. The Mayor recommended reminding citizens via e-blast or direct mailings to check their cell phone bills to ensure the funds are being allocated to the City. Council had no objections to adding this item to the February 28th Council Meeting.

Council Member Figueroa commented the McGinnis Ferry contractor has requested a 90-day extension from GDOT to complete the project and he suggested Council send a letter to GDOT objecting to the extension. Council had no objections to sending a letter as a statement of their dissatisfaction this project is being extended.

Council Member Richardson motioned to amend the Work Session Agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss one personnel matter; seconded by Council Member Figueroa. The Work Session agenda was amended to include an Executive Session for one personnel matter. The meeting was adjourned into an Executive Session.

Council Member McCabe motioned to come out of Executive Session and resume the regular Work Session, seconded by Council Member Richardson. The Work Session resumed.

There being no further business Mayor Bodker adjourned the Work Session.

Approved,

Attest,

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk